

World Parks Congress Evaluation

Individual Workshop Stream Evaluation Reports



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1. Introduction

Seven major Workshop Streams and their associated sub-sessions provided a major part of the substantive technical discussions at the World Parks Congress in Durban in September 2003. For three full days close to 2,800 participants attended seven major workshop streams and the many associated sub-sessions and short courses. The streams were:

- Workshop Stream I: Linkages in the Landscape & Seascape
- Workshop Stream II: Building Broader Support for Protected Areas
- Workshop Stream III: Governance of Protected Areas
- Workshop Stream IV: Developing the Capacity to Manage Protected Areas

- Workshop Stream V: Sustainable Use
- Workshop Stream VI: Comprehensive Protected Area System

Issues related to the cross-cutting themes - Main Protected Areas, World Heritage and Sustainable Communities and Equity - were integrated into each workshop stream.

General feedback on the effectiveness of the workshop streams was obtained through the overall r

2. Overall Workshop Evaluation Results

This section reports on the overall effectiveness of the workshop streams. In all, there were seven workshop streams with multiple breakout sessions¹.

Workshop Stream I: Linkages in the Landscape & Seascape
Workshop Stream II: Building Broader Support for Protected Areas
Workshop Stream III: Governance of Protected Areas
Workshop Stream IV: Developing the Capacity to Manage Protected Areas
Workshop Stream V: Evaluating Management Effectiveness
Workshop Stream VI: Building a Secure Financial Future
Workshop Stream VII: Building Comprehensive Protected Area Systems

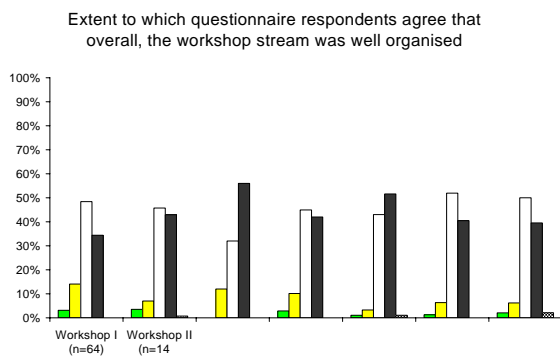
Two thirds of questionnaire respondents indicated that they

Exhibit 2.1 Attendance to Workshop Stream

sessions in order to reduce overlap and improve the achievement of results. The majority of respondents felt that a more focused Agenda with fewer breakout sessions and/or presentations would provide more time for in-depth discussion and debate as well as promote greater participation.

Moreover, survey respondents showed mixed responses regarding the availability of pre-workshop materials. In some cases (Streams III Governance, IV Developing Capacity & V Management Effectiveness), 68% to 71% of respondents felt there were adequate materials to prepare for the workshops, but in other cases (Workshops VI Secure Financial Future and VII Building Comprehensive PA Systems), as few as 31% to 40% of respondents reached the same conclusion.

Exhibit 2.2 Organization of the Workshop Streams

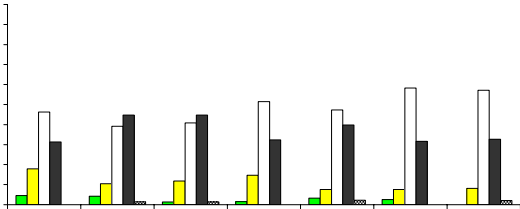


More than three-quarters of workshop questionnaire respondents indicated that key issues and lessons learned were well articulated in their respective workshop stream (see Exhibit 2.6). Similarly, over 80% observed that the workshop stream(s) they atten

Exhibit 2.6 Key Issues in Workshop Stream

Exhibit 2.7 Workshop Effectiveness in Identifying Key Challenges and Issues

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Finding 2: Overall workshop streams were effectively chaired and relevant resource persons were able to constructively contribute to the debates, however some improvements were suggested.

Over three-quarters of questionnaire respondents agreed or tended to agree that workshops were either effectively chaired (see Exhibit 2.10) or that resource persons associated with each workshops (subgroup chairs, co-chairs and presenters) were able to constructively contribute to the workshop debates (see Exhibit 2.11). While the quality of presenters (competence, expertise and experience) was recognized as being one of the most significant strengths of the workshop streams, a concern was noted by participants that improvements could be made. Some respondents commented that chairs and facilitators lacked appropriate skills or abilities to manage sessions, facilitate discussions and use time efficiently.

Exhibit 2.10 Effectively Chaired Workshops

Exhibit 2.11 Resource Person Contributions



Correspondingly, the contributions made by workshop streams towards the advancement of the Protected Areas Agenda and the Outputs that resulted from the Congress were also noted by participants as one of the most significant strengths of the WPC. Respondents indicated that the workshops were successful in making contributions towards the advancement of Protected Areas knowledge and science and consequently, towards the relevant conventions and WPC Outputs.

Exhibit 2.18 Contributions to the Advancement of the Protected Areas Agenda

Extent to which questionnaire respondents agree that the recommendations from the workshop streams, if adopted and implemented, represent a significant advancement of the Protected Areas agenda

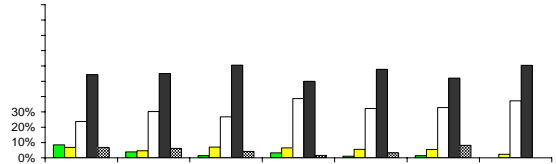
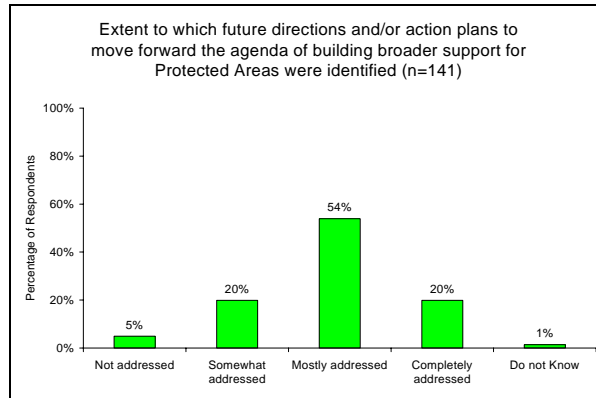


Exhibit 3.5 Identification of Future Directions and/or Action Plan



Finding 9: The majority of issues related to the cross cutting theme of Communities and Equity in the workshop stream on Building Support were perceived by questionnaire respondents as having been adequately addressed.

Poverty and sustainable livelihoods were perceived as having been largely addressed (33%) to thoroughly addressed (16.7%) by half of the questionnaire respondents. Fewer than 32% felt these issues were either not addressed (3.5%) or only somewhat so (see Exhibit 3.8). Similar results were obtained regarding the extent to which non-material values and benefits of Protected Areas to communities and societies were addressed (see Exhibit 3.9). Relatively equal numbers of respondents believed that the role of indigenous peoples in ecotourism as well as community-based ecotourism were adequately addressed, as were those that suggested these issues were only partially addressed (see Exhibit 3.10 and Exhibit 3.11). Lastly, more than 45% of respondents felt that the recognition of the need for urban population support for Protected Areas was largely to thoroughly addressed while those who thought this issue was not addressed (6%) or only somewhat addressed (21%) totalled 27% (see Exhibit 3.12).

Exhibit 3.8 Poverty and Sustainable Livelihoods

Exhibit 3.9 Non-Material Values and Benefits of Protected Areas

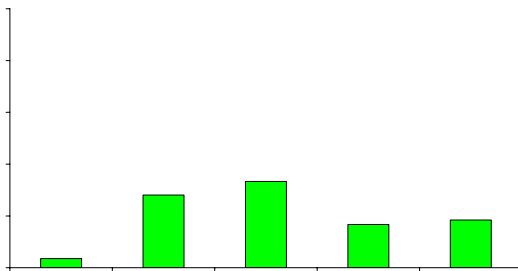
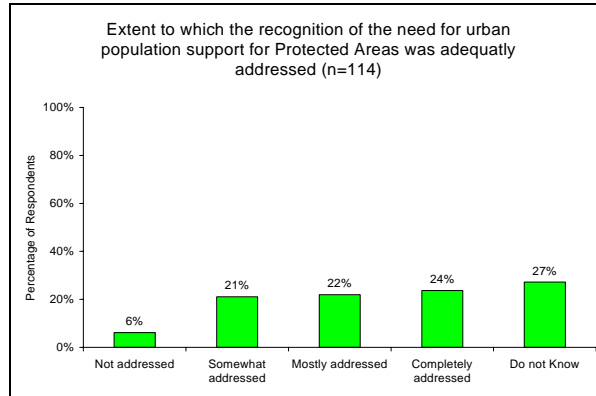


Exhibit 3.12 The Need for Urban Population Support



3.3 Profile of Workshop Stream II Participants

The following section presents information relative to the description of the workshop participants. Exhibit 3.13 and 3.14 provides the sex ratio and affiliation of workshop participants; Exhibits 3.15 and Exhibits 3.16 describe the respective professional qualifications of the participants and the region in which they work; Exhibit 3.17 details the approximate level of attendance and Exhibit 3.18 provides an overview of what participants attended.

Exhibit 3.13 Sex Ratio of Workshop Participants

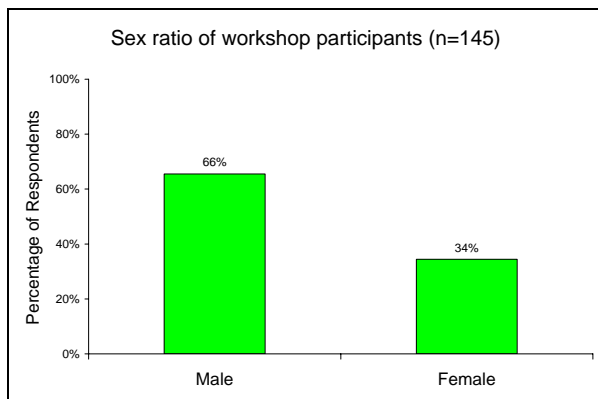


Exhibit 3.14 Affiliation of Workshop Participants

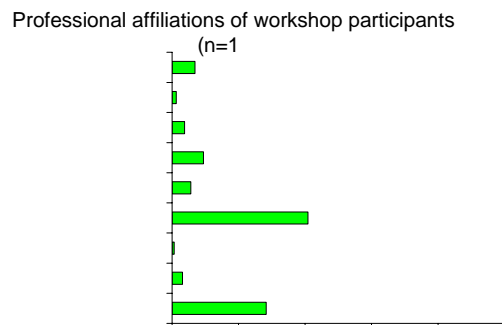


Exhibit 3.17 Level of Attendance

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